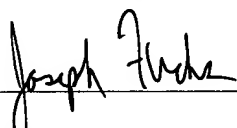
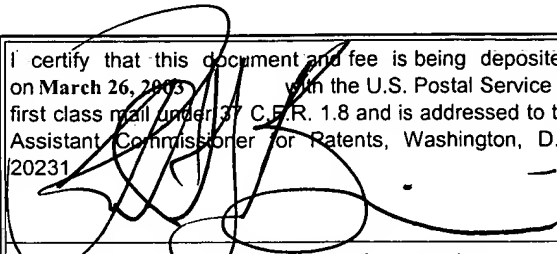
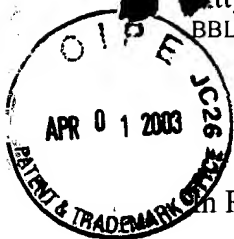


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Claims 1-91 are pending in this Application. The Examiner has entered an
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